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ACLU to Seek Appeals Court Rule on Police Surveillance

RICHMOND, Sept. 16 (AP)—The refusal of a federal judge to bar Richmond police from watching and taking pictures of public rallies and demonstrations will be appealed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ACLU said yesterday it will take to the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals the refusal last month by U.S. District Court Judge Walter E. Hoffman of Norfolk to issue a restraining order. In addition, Hoffman dismissed the case.

Activities of Richmond police in taking pictures at rallies and demonstrations inhibited the free speech and assembly rights of people attending the affairs, the ACLU contended in its class action suit.